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**BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY
CONTRACTORS OF CALIFORNIA**

Dear 2006 California Bridge Construction Forum Attendees:

Final arrangements are being made for the 2006 California Bridge Construction Forum.
Two forums are currently planned:

Northern California - Sacramento on February 22nd.
Southern California - San Diego on March 8th.

Exact meeting times and locations will be forthcoming.

Similar to past forums, there will be opportunities for networking and a working lunch.
During registration, \$15.00 will be collected to cover the cost of the lunch and refreshments.

Let us know the number of representatives your company will be sending to each forum.
You may either complete the attached Attendance Survey and fax it to Sherry Hass at (916) 227-8179 or contact us by telephone at (916) 227-8783 or by e-mail at sherry_hass@dot.ca.gov. Please respond by **January 17th, 2006**.

The agenda includes an informational session in which Caltrans will discuss the current trends and issues in Design Sequence/Design Build contracting and the switch from metric to US Customary Units in contract documents. Additionally, four specific topics are being developed for discussion:

- 1) **The Human Factor** – Discussion on the most important part of the Bridge Construction project equation and the most difficult to quantify. How do we improve the working relationship between the project staffs?
- 2) **Bridge Acceleration** – After considering the mandated time frames involved in the construction of bridges, is it possible to truly accelerate the project after contract award?

- 3) **Work Windows** – Identify the impacts of work windows (Fish & Game, traffic, railroad, etc.) on bridge construction. Are there work around solutions?
- 4) **Cost Reduction Incentive Proposals (CRIPs)** – How can the CRIP process be changed to allow a more collaborative (user-friendly) approach to incorporating CRIPs?

It should also be noted, if time allows, we plan to open the floor to any other issues the forum wishes to address and are arranging to have Department management attend to hear and address your concerns.

We look forward to your attendance at the forum.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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2006 California Bridge Construction Forum RSVP

In order to make final arrangements for the 2006 California Bridge Construction Forum, you are requested to furnish the following information to **Sherry Hass** either by telephone (916) 227-8783, fax (916)227-8179, or e-mail sherry_hass@dot.ca.gov by **January 17, 2006**, to confirm your attendance.

Contractor's Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please indicate below the number of attendees from your company

_____ Sacramento, February 22, 2006

_____ San Diego, March 8, 2006

Thank you in advance for your timely response.